

*METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SOFTWARE  
UTILIZING A RESTORE MEDIUM AND A NETWORK*

ABSTRACT

5       The present invention is directed to a system and method of restoring an  
information handling system utilizing a restore medium and a network storage  
medium. In a first aspect of the present invention, a method of restoring an  
information handling system utilizing a restore medium to provide software  
components over a network includes accessing the restore medium by the information  
10   handling system and loading a first set of software components capable of supplying  
data suitable for making the information handling system operational. A connection  
is initiated with a network storage medium over a network, the connection initiated by  
a program of instructions included on the removable medium. A second set of  
software components are received from the network storage medium over the  
15   network connection, wherein the second set of software components is suitable for at  
least one of updating the first set of software components and providing a software  
component not included on the removable medium.